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APPLICANTS RECEIVE TIER 1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

WHITEHORSE – A total of 18 applications have received \$259,252 in community development funding for projects in six communities.

“The Yukon government is pleased to support such an array of community projects that promote wellness, culture, heritage and education,” Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said.

The Liard Aboriginal Women’s Society (LAWS) has been granted \$20,000 to train interested community members in the practice of alternative energy healing, a process that uses traditional First Nations methods and helps healing by drawing on the inner strength of the individual.

“We’re really excited about this training,” LAWS executive director Anne Maje-Raider said. “It will be really valuable in our community.”

Yukon Family Services Association received \$9,034 for its Mother Goose Teacher Apprenticeship, a session to be offered by a nationally recognized trainer to 20 participants in Whitehorse and three other communities in early 2006.

The Mother Goose program brings together mothers and their babies for rhymes, songs and stories that promote bonding and provides opportunities to socialize.

“Parents gain skills and confidence, which helps to create positive family relations during children’s important early years,” Yukon Family Services Association executive director Marilyn Wolovich said. “The new skills and insights gained benefit the whole family.”

Tier 1 funding is made available for applications up to \$20,000.

Learn more about the Community Development Fund and how it may benefit your community projects by visiting the Yukon government website: www.gov.yk.ca.

Applications for the next Tier 2 intake, \$20,001 to \$75,000, will be accepted until Sept. 15, 2005.

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Attachment: Tier 1 applications approved

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ATTACHMENT – APPROVED TIER 1 APPLICATIONS

- Council of Yukon First Nations** received \$20,000 to create *Through Arctic Eyes*, a 24 minute video/DVD on climate change issues and solutions from an aboriginal perspective. (Cindy Dickson at 393-9214)
- Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon** received \$17,000 for building Program Success, a service evaluation model/tool that works for its client base. (George Green at 668-5167)
- Liard Aboriginal Women's Society** received \$20,000 for training alternative energy healers for interested residents in Watson Lake and Ross River. (Ann Maje-Raider at 867-536-2097)
- Liard Valley Literary Society** received \$5,000 for shelving construction to display the Liard Valley Literacy Society's resource material. (Lesley Wheeler Dame at 867-536-2932)
- Miles Canyon Historic Railway Society** received \$11,740 to purchase and install a video surveillance and security system at the Copperbelt Mining Railway and Museum. (Richard Jamieson at 667-6355)
- Na-Cho Nyak Dun First Nation** received \$20,000 to restore, upgrade and stabilize a heritage building, the old Legion, for future use as a cultural centre. (Anne Leckie at 867-996-2415)
- Partners for Children** received \$11,950 to host Quality Care Counts, a three-day conference for Yukon early childhood educators and care providers. (Kate Swales at 668-8829)
- St. Elias Golf & Ski Society** received \$18,000 to plan and assess the feasibility of creating the St. Elias Golf and Cross-Country Ski Multiple Use Recreational Development. (Gregory Heming at 867-634-2117)
- Village of Carmacks** received \$6,000 to upgrade the Tew Park Walking Trail. (Bob Jackman at 867-863-6271)
- Village of Mayo** received \$17,000 for the stabilization and preservation of McIntyre House, an important building in the History of Mayo. (Margrit Wozniak at 867-996-2317)
- White River First Nation** received \$11,378 for Together Gardening, to complete upgrades to the existing Beaver Creek community greenhouse and garden. (Sid Vandermeer at 867-862-7802)
- Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club** received \$18,000 to enhance the appearance and safety of the ski trail adjacent to the Mt. McIntyre centre, by widening the trail by one to two metres, and other improvements. (Mike Gladish at 668-4477)
- Yukon Amateur Speed Skating Association** received \$20,000 to host the 2006 National Short Track Speed Skating Championships at the Canada Games Centre, March 29 - April 2, 2006. (Penny Elliot at 667-7752)
- Yukon Council on Aging** received \$9,650 for its Wellness Fair, a venue to provide pamphlets/brochures, answer questions and provide up-to-date information to pre-seniors, seniors, and elders on simple, inexpensive, preventative measures. (Dorothy Drummond at 668-3383)
- Yukon Family Services Association** received \$9,034 for Mother Goose Teacher Apprenticeship training, in Whitehorse and three communities. (Marilyn Wolovick at 667-2970)
- Yukon Quest International Association** received \$19,500 to revise its current education program and develop a distribution kit to facilitate broad distribution. (Stephen Reynolds at 668-4711)
- Yukon Transportation Museum Society** received \$20,000 to purchase and install a Concord P.A.L. wheelchair lift to the upper mezzanine exhibits. (Shannon Poelman at 668-4792)
- Yukon Women In Trades and Technology** received \$5,000 for the Yukon Women Exploring Trades Conference, a one-day conference at Yukon College to provide Grade 8 girls, from Whitehorse and the rural communities, an opportunity to participate in hands-on trades. (Betty Irwin at 667-4441)